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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: §
Hou, Hao, et al. § Confirmation No.: 3362
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Serial No.: 09/746,395 § Group Art Unit: 2662
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Filed: December 21, 2000 § Examiner: Odland, David E.
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For: METHOD OF OPTIMIZING § Attorney Docket No.: 34986.25
EQUIPMENT UTILIZATION IN
TELECOMMUNICATION
ACCESS NETWORK §
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**Mail Stop AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Examiner:

In response to the Office Action of September 8, 2004, please reconsider the above-identified application in light of the following remarks.

Fees pursuant to the present addition of claims are believed necessary for the consideration of the present paper. Specifically, the present amendments delete all 16 currently pending claims and add new claims 17-60, such that 44 claims are currently pending. Thus, fees are believed necessary for the 24 claims in excess of the standard 20 claims ($44-20=24$). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Haynes and Boone, LLP's Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

No extension of time fees are believed necessary for consideration of the present paper. However, if extension of time fees are necessary, now or hereafter, the extension of time is hereby requested; and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge those fees necessary to receive the extension of time to Haynes and Boone, LLP's Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

No other fees are believed to be currently necessary. If any additional fees are necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Haynes and Boone, LLP's Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

A Listing of Claims begins on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 16 of this paper.